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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

HOUSE RESOLUTION

DECLARING MAY 28, 2026, AS "PHARMACY ADVOCACY DAY" IN THE STATE OF
RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives McGaw, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Chippendale,
DeSimone, Read, Speakman, Cotter, Carson, and Boylan

Date Introduced: May 28, 2026

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The health and well-being of Rhode Island residents are of paramount
2 importance; and

3 WHEREAS, Pharmacists are among the most accessible and visible healthcare providers,
4 delivering critical services to patients; and

5 WHEREAS, Pharmacists are well-positioned to ensure optimal medication therapy
6 outcomes, expand public health efforts, provide accessible and quality patient-centered care,
7 education, and advocacy to individuals across the State; and

8 WHEREAS, Pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and student pharmacists serve as
9 integral members of the healthcare team, working collaboratively with patients, caregivers,
10 physicians, advanced practice providers, nurses, and other healthcare professionals to optimize
11 medication therapy and improve health outcomes; and

12 WHEREAS, According to the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), in Rhode
13 Island there are approximately 1,170 licensed pharmacists and 1,590 pharmacy technicians, all
14 providing essential medication management, vaccination services, and other healthcare services
15 to residents across the State; and

16 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Pharmacists Association has declared May 28, 2026, as
17 Rhode Island Pharmacy Advocacy Day; and

18 WHEREAS, Pharmacy Advocacy Day provides an opportunity to recognize and
19 celebrate the contributions of pharmacy professionals to the health and well-being of our

1 communities, while also raising awareness of the importance of pharmacy advocacy efforts in
2 shaping healthcare policy and advancing the pharmacy profession; and

3 WHEREAS, It is essential that Rhode Islanders support and promote the vital role of
4 pharmacy professionals in public health and healthcare delivery, and encourage greater
5 collaboration between pharmacists, policymakers, healthcare providers, and community
6 stakeholders to address healthcare challenges and improve patient care; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
8 declares May 28, 2026, as "Pharmacy Advocacy Day" in the State of Rhode Island and
9 encourages all citizens, healthcare professionals, organizations, and institutions to recognize and
10 participate in activities and events that promote pharmacy advocacy, raise awareness of the
11 importance of pharmacists in healthcare, and support the goals and objectives of Pharmacy
12 Advocacy Day; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
14 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Rhode Island Pharmacists Association and
15 the Rhode Island Board of Pharmacy.

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